COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

(2002-2003)

THIRTEENTH LOK SABHA

EIGHTH REPORT

(Request for Dropping of Assurances)

(Presented to Lok Sabha on May 16, 2002)

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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON Government Assurances*
(2002-2003)

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* The Committee was nominated by the Speaker w.e.f. January 16, 2002 vide Para No.2528 of Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-II dated January 16, 2002

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances having been authorised by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

The Committee (2002-2003) was constituted on January 16, 2002.

The Committee (2001-2002) at their sitting held on June 08, 2001, considered inter-alia Memoranda Nos.1, 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 containing requests received from the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India for dropping of pending assurances.

At their sitting held on May 14, 2002, Committee(2002-2003) considered and adopted Eighth Report.

The Minutes of the aforesaid sitting of the Committee form part of this Report. (Appendix)

The conclusions/observations of the Committee are contained in this Report.

NEW DELHI;
May 14, 2002
Committee on Government Assurances

DR. S. VENUGOPAL
Chairman

CHAPTER I
INDIAN LANGUAGES AS MEDIUM OF EXAMINATION IN UPSC EXAMINATIONS

1.1 Altogether Assurances were given in reply to the following 18 Starred/Unstarred Questions (Annexures I to XVIII) during the period from May 21, 1990 to February 24, 1999 by the then Prime Minister/Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office/Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension/Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence/Minister of Defence/Minister of Home Affairs in regard to Indian Languages as Medium of Examination in UPSC Examinations:-

USQ No.9562 dated 21.05.90
SQ No. 111 dated 04.03.91
USQ No.2102 dated 07.08.91
USQ No.909 dated 27.11.91
USQ No.2152 dated 04.12.91
USQ No.2471 dated 11.03.92
USQ No.3586 dated 18.03.92
USQ No.8419 dated 29.04.92
USQ No.3344 dated 18.08.93
USQ No.2235 dated 09.03.94
USQ No.2441 dated 29.03.95
USQ No.5233 dated 10.05.95
USQ No.609 dated 29.11.95
USQ No.3366 dated 16.12.96
USQ No.1922 dated 05.03.97
USQ No.884 dated 24.11.97
SQ No. 590 dated 28.07.98
USQ No.275 dated 24.02.99

1.2 The replies given to the above questions was that the recommendations of Expert Committee were being considered by the Government and that reply was treated as an assurance. Assurances thus given were to be fulfilled by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, within three months of the reply given to each question. However, the assurances remained unfulfilled and the Ministry sought extension from time to time for fulfillment of the aforesaid assurances on the very ground that the recommendations of the Expert Committee were being considered by the Government.

1.3 A request dated March 1, 1999 was received from the then Minister of Railways, Parliamentary Affairs and Planning and Programme Implementation to drop the above mentioned assurances on the plea that those assurances related to language policy in UPSC examination which was of some controversial nature and was unlikely to be resolved in the near future.

1.4 The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) vide their OM NO. 41015/04/93-Estt(B) (Vol.III) dated October 9, 2000 furnished a brief note for dropping of the above mentioned assurances on the following grounds:-

"Eighteen Lok Sabha Assurances are pending, including some which have been transferred by the MHA. These relate to introduction of multilingual examination system in UPSC/implementation of recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee.

At present the option for writing answers in English or in any of the languages in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution is available only in the Civil Services Examination. However, such an option has not been extended to other open competitive and limited departmental examinations conducted by UPSC. There was a pressing demand from various quarters on the question of introducing multilingual system of examination and also for abolishing the compulsory paper in English in these examinations. These issues were referred to an Expert Committee headed by Dr. Satish Chandra, former Chairman, UGC which was already reviewing the scheme of the Civil Services Examination. The Expert Committee in its' report recommended that Indian Languages specified in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution may be introduced as a medium of other examinations conducted by UPSC except in those examination which are for services/posts of technical nature and whose subjects are taught generally in English such as Engineering Services Examination, till such time as the use of regional languages in such subjects spreads much wider. The Committee also recommended that there is a need to retain compulsory paper in English in the various examinations of UPSC but it should be of qualifying nature and of the level of senior secondary.

The recommendations made by the Satish Chandra Committee were examined and the then Prime Minister directed to seek the views of Chief Ministers also. On perusal of the replies received in this regard from various State Governments it was noted that many State Governments had fully endorsed the recommendations made by the Committee. However, some of them differed with the recommendations. In view of the divergent views expressed by the various States/UT Governments and also by various political groups and considering the sensitivity of the matter, the then Prime Minister directed that the matter may be examined further for evolving a broad consensus. Accordingly, it was decided to seek fresh views of the State Governments apart from the MHA for reducing the area of divergence. Hence State Governments/UTs were addressed again in December, 1996 requesting them to re-examine the issue with the specific objective of reducing the scope and ambit of disagreement so that early consensus could be arrived at on this vital issue. Reconsidered views received from most of the State/UT Governments, which still show divergent views, are under consideration. Further, MHA have constituted a High Power Committee to recommend the criteria for inclusion of various languages in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution. At present a large number of such proposals for inclusion of languages in the VIII Schedule are stated to be under consideration of MHA. It is felt that inclusion or exclusion of the proposed languages would materially affect the administrative capacity of UPSC to conduct competitive examination in so many languages, including the existing ones. Comments of UPSC and SSC in the matter show that addition of more languages will create administrative, operational and other problems in the conduct of examinations through Indian languages. Further, it is felt that it will also be difficult to ensure secrecy of the examination system. Based on the experience gained in the Civil Services Examination

UPSC have also opined that the issue of medium of examination in languages included in the VIII Schedule requires thorough reconsideration.

In view of the position explained above, the matter regarding implementation of recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee can be processed further after consensus on this vital and sensitive issue is arrived at. In view of the difficulties explained above it does not appear likely that the recommendations can be implemented in the near future. Since all the Parliamentary Assurances mentioned above pertain to this issue only, it is requested that the Committee on Government Assurances, Lok Sabha may kindly consider dropping of these assurances."

1.5 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions at their sitting held on June 08, 2001. The Committee, however, did not agree to drop the assurance.

1.6 The Committee note that several questions were raised from 1990 to 1999 to know whether the Government accepted the recommendations made by the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee with regard to introduction of Indian languages as medium of examination in UPSC examinations. In reply, the Government had invariably given assurances saying that the recommendations of the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee are still under the consideration of the Government. Unfortunately, the Government have not yet taken any decision in the matter.

1.7 According to the reply given to one of the questions, the report of the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee was received by the Government in 1990. However, the recommendation of that Committee that the Indian languages specified in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution may be introduced as a medium of other examination conducted by UPSC except in those examinations which are for services/posts of technical nature and whose subjects are taught generally in English, have not been endorsed by all the State Governments. As a result, the Government have not been able to act on the recommendation of the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee Report. Moreover, the Committee note that the UPSC and SSC also have reservations with regard to the issue.

1.8 The Committee, no doubt, agree that the issue which is pending decision for more than a decade needs to have a consensus as it affects the lives of millions of people who would like to appear for UPSC and SSC examinations. The Committee, however, do not like to close the chapter on this important issue simply because that there was no possibility that recommendations could be implemented in the near future as also the fact that UPSC is already conducting Civil Services Examination in Indian Languages as mentioned in Eighth Schedule. The Committee are of the view that the issue is an important one and the Government should endeavour to find out as to why some State Governments are wary of the recommendations and how best could these be taken care of. The Committee are conscious of the fact that it is extremely difficult to evolve total unanimity on such a sensitive issue and, therefore, would like the Government to study afresh the views of such State Governments for suitably accommodating the same while

taking final view in the larger interest of the nation. The Committee may be apprised from time to time about the progress made by the Government in this regard.

(II) MEDARA COMMUNITY

1.9 On February 29. 2000, Prof. Ummareddy Venkateswarlu, MP addressed the following Unstarred Question No.687 to the Minister of Tribal Affairs:-

"(a) whether the Government have made any study of the Medara community for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribe Community;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received a request from Medara community; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for its inclusion?"

1.10 In reply, the Minister of Tribal Affairs (Shri Jual Oram) stated as follows:-
"(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

The proposal is under process in the light of modalities approved by the Government."

1.11 Part (c) of the reply to the above question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs within three months of the date of reply i.e. May 28, 2000.
1.12 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs vide their U.O. No.III/TA/(1)USQ.687/LS/2000 dated March 28, 2000 forwarded a request of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for dropping the aforesaid assurance on the following grounds:-

"that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs did not give an assurance to the Lok Sabha. Hon'ble M.P. had asked whether the Government had received a request from Medara Community and if so, the steps taken for its inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes. In response to the above the Ministry had stated that a representation has been received for inclusion of Medara Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes and the proposal is under process in the light of modalities approved by the Government. This was the factual position obtaining at that point of time and no promise was made. Moreover the issue of revision of ST lists is a time consuming process requiring consultation with the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. On receipt of recommendation of the concerned State Government the same is forwarded to the Registrar General of India (RGI). The RGI, if satisfied with the details sends back the recommendation to the Central Government and then the Central Government in turn sends the recommendation to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as required

under Article 338(9) of the Constitution and the modalities approved by the Government. They being statutory authorities take their own time in sending their reports. Further, any revision in the lists of Scheduled Tribes, once notified by the President in consultation with the concerned Governor in exercise of powers conferred by Clause (I) of Article 342, can only be effected through an Act of Parliament to which a fixed time schedule can not be prescribed. Therefore, no time can be specified for inclusion of Medara Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

In view of the facts stated above, it is requested that Lok Sabha Committee on Government Assurances may kindly be moved for the deletion of the assurance."

1.13 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at their Sitting held on June 08, 2001. The Committee, however, did not agree to drop the assurance but to obtain latest position with regard to action taken on the representation of the Medara Community.

1.14 The Committee have been apprised vide the Ministry of Tribal Affairs OM No.16012/3/2001-TA(R.C.) dated October 04, 2001 that the matter of comprehensive revision of lists of Scheduled Tribes is still under examination and would require more time. They have also requested for extension of time upto July 20, 2002.

1.15 The Government have acknowledged that a request from the Medara Community for their inclusion in the Scheduled Tribe list was indeed received by them and that the same was under process in the light of modalities approved by the Government. The Committee are, therefore, surprised that the Government instead of expediting the request, are making excuses that the reply should not be taken as an assurance. The communication received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs mentions that the matter of comprehensive revision of lists of Scheduled Tribes is still under examination and that it would require time. Unfortunately, nothing has specifically been mentioned about the action taken on the request of Medara Community for which information was sought by the Committee. The Committee take serious note of this fact and reiterate that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs should apprise the Committee about the action taken so far on the request made by Medara Community for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribe list. The Committee also recommend that the final decision for inclusion of Medara Community in ST list should be taken at the earliest.

(III) ILLEGAL MINING OF LIME-STONE IN U.P.

1.16 On June 08, 2000, Shri Vijay Singh Soy, MP addressed the following Unstarred Question No.1764 to the Minister of Environment & Forests:-

"(a) whether even after the ban imposed by the Supreme Court on illegal mining of lime-stone in Doon Valley of Uttar Pradesh, the same is going on at a large-scale;

whether the lease of these mines had lapsed in 1984 itself;

the action taken under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 till date along with the details of the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

if not, the reasons therefore?"

1.17 In reply, the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Babual Marandi) stated as follows:-
"(a) & (b) In view of the Writ Petition filed in the Supreme Court of India recently, the issue of illegal mining of lime-stone in Doon Valley area located in District Tehri, Garhwal, was got enquired into by the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Lucknow. Prima facie there appears to be violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in certain mines as mining activities have continued after the expiry of lease in 1984, as well as direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of 12.12.1996.

(c) & (d) A detailed report in the matter has been filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court and the direction of the apex Court are awaited."

1.18 Parts (c) & (d) of the reply to the above question were treated as assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests within three months of the date of reply i.e. September 7, 1998.
1.19 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs vide their U.O. No.II/E&F(2)USQ.1764-LS/98 dated March 06, 2000 forwarded a request of the Ministry of Environment and Forests for dropping of the aforesaid assurance on the following grounds:-
"Detailed report in the matter has been filed in the Supreme Court and final orders are yet to be passed. Since the matter is sub-judice the assurance may be dropped."

1.20 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Environment & Forests at their Sitting held on June 08, 2001. The Committee, however, did not accede to the request of the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The Committee have been apprised that no response has been received from the Government of Uttaranchal in the matter.

1.21 On June 08, 2000, a question was asked about the action taken under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in regard to illegal mining of lime stone being continued in Doon Valley of Uttar Pradesh despite expiry of lease in 1984 as also ban imposed by Supreme Court in 1996. The Ministry of Environment and Forests had acknowledged that prima facie there appeared to be violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
1.22 The Committee note that the Ministry of Environment & Forests having enquired into the matter had reportedly filed a detailed report in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard. It is a matter of great concern that the Ministry of Environment & Forests as also the Government of Uttaranchal, have not been able to stop those illegal lime stone mining in Tehri region. The Committee are distressed by the fact that the direction of Supreme Court has been blatantly disregarded. The Committee deplore the lackadaisical attitude of both the Union Government and State Government in failing to execute the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Pending final orders of Supreme Court, the Committee would like the Government to initiate exemplary action against the guilty officials who

allowed illegal mining to continue despite Supreme Court direction. The Committee are unhappy that negligence and dereliction of duty by some government officials in connivance with the criminal elements have seriously jeopardised the eco-system of Tehri Garhwal region. The Committee, therefore, urge the Ministry of Environment & Forests to pursue the matter with the State Government of Uttarnchal on priority so that illegal lime stone mining stop for good.

(IV) STATUS OF KASHINATH SETH BANK

1.23 On March 08, 1996, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, MP addressed the following Unstarred Question No.1035 to the Minister of Finance:-

"(a) whether the Kashinath Seth Bank Ltd., Shahjahanpur, has since started working;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the directions issued for checking the recurrence of irregularities;

the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

the steps taken for improving financial position of the Bank?"

1.24 In reply to the above question, the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Dr. Debi Prasad Pal) stated as follows:-

"(a), (b) & (d) Reserve Bank of India has reported that Kashinath Seth Bank Ltd., has since been amalgamated with the State Bank of India w.e.f. 01.01.1996. However for payment to creditors and depositors, the effective date was 01.02.1996. Reserve Bank of India has reported that the matter has been referred to the CID.

(c) The report of CID is awaited."

1.25 Part (c) of the reply to the above question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance within three months of the date of reply i.e. June 7, 1996.

1.26 Information in regard to the above assurance was laid in Lok Sabha on 06.08.1997 vide SS.VI/8(Annexure XIX), wherein it was stated that enquiries made from the Inspector General, CID had revealed that they had made a lot of progress and hope to complete the same early. This information was not considered complete.

1.27 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs vide their U.O. No.XVI/Fin(29)USQ.1035-LS/96 dated September 20, 2000 forwarded a request of the Ministry of Finance for dropping of the aforesaid assurance on the following grounds:-

"That the matter was again taken up with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to expedite action in the matter of investigation. It is expected that this will take a long time to finalise the matter by Uttar Pradesh Government. In the circumstances, the Ministry would like to reiterate that whatever action was possible at the Reserve Bank of India and Government of India level has been taken and the matter is now in the hands of the

State CID Police. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is therefore requested to drop the assurance."

1.28 The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Finance at their Sitting held on June 08, 2001. The request, was, however, not acceded to.

1.29 The Committee note that the position with regard to investigation by CID of UP Government into the financial irregularities of Kashinath Seth Bank Limited has not changed vide OM received from Ministry of Finance on September 20, 2001. it is a matter of grave concern that the investigation which was entrusted to CID of the Government of UP has not yet been completed despite the fact that the House was informed on August 06, 1997 that Inspector-General CID had revealed that they had made a lot of progress and hope to complete the same early vide Statement No.SSVI/8 laid on August 06, 1997.

1.30 The Committee note that Kashinath Seth Bank Limited stands amalgamated with the State Bank of India w.e.f. 01.01.1996 and that RBI had referred the matter of financial irregularities to CID of UP. It is of course another matter that the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has not expedited the case of investigation. The Committee, are surprised at the approach of RBI and the Ministry of Finance to wash their hands off the matter of investigation saying that whatever action was possible at the Reserve Bank of India and Government of India level has been taken and that the matter is in the hand of CID of UP State. The Committee are of the view that the Government should endeavour to vigorously pursue the matter at higher level if the State Government of UP appears to be not serious enough to expedite the case. The Committee may be apprised of the progress of case.

CHAPTER II

WAITING LIST FOR LPG CONNECTIONS

2.1 (i) On April 24, 2000, Shri Ramdas Athawale, MP addressed the following Unstarred Question No.4530 to the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas:-

"(a) the number of persons registered for LPG connections in the country as on March 31, 2000, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons provided with LPG connections in the country and the number of people out of them having D.B.C. connection facility; and

(c) the number of LPG connections issued on priority basis during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?"

2.2 In reply, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar) stated as follows:-

"(a): The total number of persons registered for LPG connections with the distributors of PSU Oil Marketing Companies as on January 1, 2000 is 89.08 lakhs.

(b): The total number of customer population with the distributors of the PSU Oil Marketing Companies as on January 1, 2000 is about 438.88 lakhs and out of this 297.85 lakhs customers are having DBC facility.

(c): The information is being collected."

2.3 Reply to part (c) of the question was treated as assurance and was to be fulfilled within three months of the date of reply i.e. July 23, 2000.

2.4 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs vide their U.O. No.PNG(19)USQ.4530-LS/2000 dated November 30, 2000 forwarded a request for dropping of the above assurance on the grounds indicated below:-

"that the exact information relating to the number of priority connections released by the LPG distributors of Pubic Sector Oil Marketing Companies is being ascertained. However, in view of the large number of distributors and the efforts needed in collecting the desired information for fulfillment of the above Assurance may not commensurate with the desired purpose. Moreover, the LPG connections are also available across the counter throughout the country at present. Keeping in view the totality of the circumstances, it is requested that the said Assurance may kindly be dropped."

2.5 (ii) On December 20, 1999, Shri Ashok Kumar Singh Chandel, MP addressed the following Unstarred Question No.2983 to the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas:-

"(a) whether the former Minister sanctioned about two and half lakhs LPG connections in his constituency;

if so, the details thereof;

whether the Government have taken any policy decision to allot such a large number of LPG connections to other Ministers and all Members of Parliament; and

if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?"

2.6 In reply, the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Shri E. Ponnuswamy) stated as follows:-
"(a) to (d): Information is being collected."

2.7 Reply to the above question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas within three months of the date of reply i.e. March 19, 2000.
2.8 (iii) On April 17, 2000, Shri Ashok Kumar Singh Chandel, MP addressed the following Unstarred Question No.3523 to the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas:-
"(a) whether the information sought about LPG connections sanctioned by former Minister has since been collected;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons for delay?"

2.9 In reply, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar) stated as follows:-
"(a) to (c): The complete information is still required to be collected from various field offices of the PSU Oil Marketing Companies."

2.10 Reply to the above question was treated as an assurance which was to be fulfilled within three months of the date of reply i.e. July 16, 2000.
2.11 The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs vide their U.O. No.PNG(5)USQ.2983-LS/2000 dated November 30, 2000 forwarded requests for dropping of the assurances on the grounds indicated below:-
"that the exact information relating to the number of priority connections released by the LPG distributors of Pubic Sector Oil Marketing Companies is being ascertained. However, in view of the large number of distributors and the efforts needed in collecting the desired information for fulfillment of the above Assurances may not commensurate with the desired purpose. Moreover, the LPG connections are also available across the counter throughout the country at present. Keeping in view the totality of the circumstances, it is requested that the said Assurances may kindly be dropped."

2.12 The Committee considered the request of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas at their Sitting held on June 08, 2001.

2.13 The Committee agree that the efforts needed in collecting the information required for fulfillment of those assurances may not commensurate with the desired

purpose. The Committee also felt that LPG Connections are now available without waiting. The Committee, therefore, dropped all the three assurances.

NEW DELHI;
May 14, 2002
Committee on Government Assurances

DR. S. VENUGOPAL
Chairman

APPENDIX-I

MINUTES SIXTH SITTING

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES HELD ON JUNE 08, 2001 IN COMMITTEE ROOM `E' BASEMENT, PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI.

The Committee met on June 08, 2001 from 1500 hours to 1600 hours.

PRESENT

Dr. S. Venugopal - Chairman

MEMBERS

2. Shri Padem Sen Choudhry
3. Adv. Uttamrao Dhikale
4. Shri Sudarsana E.M. Natchiappan
5. Shri Rupchand Pal
6. Dr. Prasanna Kumar Patasani
7. Shri Manoj Sinha

SECRETARIAT

Ms. J. C. Namchyo - Assistant Director

At the outset, the Committee considered the following memoranda for dropping of assurances:-

Memorandum No.1 Request for dropping of assurances given in reply to various Starred/Unstarred Questions tabled from May 21, 1990 to February 24, 1999 regarding Indian Languages as Medium of Examination in UPSC Examinations.

The Committee considered the above mentioned request of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training) in detail. The Committee were of the view that the language policy in UPSC examination is an important issue and, as such, the assurances given in this regard may remain.

Memorandum No.2 Request for dropping of assurance given on 20.11.1997 in reply to USQ No. 393 regarding Corporate Plan for Air India.

While requesting for dropping the above mentioned assurance, the Ministry of Civil Aviation had mentioned that the Government had approved in principle the partial disinvestment of its equity in Air India through a process of disinvestment. As a result, the finalization of corporate plan for Air India Limited would depend on strategic partner's view point. The Committee were informed that a letter seeking latest development with regard to the disinvestment in Air India was sent on 28.02.2001 but

nothing has been heard. The Committee were therefore, of the view that the representatives of the Ministry of Civil Aviation may be called for evidence to know about the latest position in the matter.

Memorandum No.3 Request for dropping of assurance given on 29.02.2000 in reply to USQ No. 687 regarding Medara Community.

The Committee considered the request of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs wherein they had argued that only factual position obtaining at that point of time and no promise was made while replying to the question whether a representation for inclusion of Medara Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes was under process in the light of modalities approved by the Government. The Committee, however, did not agree with the plea of the Ministry. Instead, the Committee desired to pursue the matter and obtain the latest position with regard to action taken on the representation obtained from the Medara Community.

Memorandum No.4 Request for dropping of assurance given on 08.06.1998 in reply to USQ No.1764 regarding Illegal Mining Lime Stone in U.P.

The above mentioned assurance relates to a detailed report filed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the Hon'ble Supreme in regard to illegal mining of lime stone at Garhwal. The plea taken by the Ministry for dropping the assurance was that the matter is sub-judice. The Committee were informed that a letter requesting the Ministry for sending the latest position in this regard was sent on 28.02.2001 but no reply has been received in this regard. The Committee desired that another letter be sent to the Ministry for knowing the latest position.

Memorandum No.5 Request for dropping of assurance given on 08.03.1996 in reply to USQ No.1035 regarding Status of Kashinath Seth Bank.

The above mentioned assurance related to matter of irregularities committed in Kashinath Seth Bank and referring of that matter by RBI to state CID of UP. The plea of the Ministry of Finance for dropping the assurance was that possible action at the RBI and Government of India level had been taken and that the matter was in the hands of the State CID Police. The Committee were apprised that a letter was sent on 28.02.2001 to the Ministry for obtaining the latest position but the same had not yet received. The Committee decided that a letter be again sent to obtain latest information and if need be, the representatives of Ministry of Finance, RBI and State CID of UP be called for evidence.

Memorandum No.6 Request for dropping of assurance given on 04.08.2000 in reply to USQ No.2098 regarding Bungling in Medical Orders by NCCF.

The Committee considered the above mentioned request of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution for dropping of the assurance on the following grounds:-

"……..as per the normal practice, the matters being investigated by the CBI can not to be construed as an Assurance, as the tenure of investigation is uncertain and does not fall within the domain of the Department and also the Investigating Agency is an independent entity on which this Department has no control. The mater being administrative in nature, has been pending since, 1997."

The Committee also noted that a letter was sent to the Ministry on 28.02.2001 for obtaining the latest position with regard to investigation by CBI but no communication had been received. The Committee decided that latest position within a stipulated period.
Memorandum No.7 Request for dropping of assurance given on 24.04.2001 in reply to USQ No.4530 regarding Waiting List for LPG Connections.

Memorandum No.8 Request for dropping of assurances given on 20.12.1999 & 17.04.2000 in reply to USQ Nos.2983 & 3523 regarding LPG Connections sanctioned by Former Minister.

Lastly, the Committee took up the above mentioned memoranda together as these related to LPG connections. The reason forwarded by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for dropping the assurances was that efforts needed in collecting the information for fulfillment of the assurances may not commensurate with the desired purpose. Moreover, the LPG connections are also available across the counter throughout the country at present. The Committee acceded to the requests of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for dropping of assurances mentioned in the memoranda.
Thereafter, the Hon'ble Chairman apprised the Members about the ensuing Study Tour of the Committee to Coimbatore, Ooty and Cochin w.e.f. June 13, 2001 to June 16, 2001 and asked the Members to give their options immediately.

The Committee decided to hold their next sittings on June 29, 2001 and July 09, 2001 respectively.

The Committee then adjourned.

APPENDIX-II

MINUTES THIRD SITTING

Minutes of the Third Sitting of the Committee on Government Assurances held on May 14, 2002 in Committee Room 'E`, Basement , Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

The Committee met from 1530 hours to 1620 hours on Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

PRESENT

Dr. S. Venugopal - Chairman

Members

2. Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi
Shri Brahma Nand Mandal
4. Shri Rupchand Pal
5. Shri S.B.P.B.K. Satyanarayana Rao
6. Shri Kishan Singh Sangwan
7. Shri Bahadur Singh
8. Rajkumari Ratna Singh
9. Shri Tarlochan Singh Tur

SECRETARIAT

Shri A.K. Singh, Deputy Secretary

The Committee considered draft 8th and 9th Reports and adopted the same.

2. The Committee authorised the Chairman to present the Reports on May 16, 2002.

3. The Committee decided that during tour assurances regarding one Ministry may be taken up at one station.

4. The Committee also decided to go on study tour to Shimla and Kulu Manali in the second week of June, 2002 in connection with certain pending assurances.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE - I

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 9562

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.05.1990)

LANGUAGE POLICY IN EXAMINATIONS

9562. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:

will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) the language policy in the examinations conducted by Union Service Commission;

(b) whether there is dominance of English Language;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to reduce it; and

(d) the names of the examinations conducted by U.P.S.C. last year and the number of candidates appeared and the medium of examination opted by them?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH):

(a) to (d): A statement showing the names of the examinations conducted by UPSC, the languages prescribed by UPSC, the languages prescribed for answering papers in each examination, the number of candidates who appeared in the examinations conducted in 1989-90 and the medium of examination opted by Commission's examinations and compulsory paper in English in some of the examinations will be examined by the UPSC on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts set up by the Commission.

ANNEXURE - II

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 111

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.1991)

INDIAN LANGUAGES AS MEDIUM FOR EXAMINATIONS

*111. SHRI KAPIL DEV SHASTRI:
SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) since when satyagraha is being staged by the Akhil Bhartiya Bhasha Sangathan outside the UPSC premises demanding that Hindi and other Indian Languages may be allowed as medium for the examinations;

(b) whether fast upto death had been broken on an assurance given by the Government; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to allow Hindi and other Indian languages as medium for the examinations?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
(SHRI KAMAL MORARKA)
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(a) A group of persons state to be belonging to Akhil Bhartiya Bhasha Sanrakshan Sangathan have been sitting on 'dharna' outside the Union Public Service Commission's premises from August 16, 1988. The dharna was suspended by them from May 26, 1989 and the same was restarted from August 07, 1990.

(b) The youngmen called off their fast in May, 1989, in reponse to the appeal made by the former Home Minister and the Minister of State for Personnel.

(c) The UPSC set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Saitsh Chandra, ex-Chairman, University Grants Commission inter alia to examine the question relating to introduction of multi-lingual system for the Commission's examinations as well as discontinuance of compulsory paper in English in certain examinations held by the Commission. This Commission has submitted its report which is under detailed examination.

ANNEXURE - III

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2102

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.1991)

CONTINUANCE OF ENGLISH AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT

2102. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations against the continuance of English as a compulsory subject in the Indian Forest Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

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ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The UPSC set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra, ex-Chairman, UGC, to examine among other things the question relating to discontinuance of the compulsory paper in English in certain examinations held by the UPSC. This committee has submitted its report which is under detailed examination.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 909

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.1994)

DISCONTINUANCE OF COMPULSORY PAPER OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

909. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand to do away with the compulsory paper of English language in the examinations conducted by the UPSC has been made;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a) Yes Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): The Union Public Service Commission set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Saitsh Chandra, ex-Chairman, University Grants Commission inter alia to examine the question relating to discontinuance of compulsory paper in English in certain examinations conducted by the UPSC. The Commission has submitted its report which is under detailed examination.

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ANNEXURE - V

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2152

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.1991)

INDIAN LANGUAGES AS MEDIUM OF U.P.S.C. EXAMINATIONS

2152 SHRI MRUTYURJAYA NAYAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Indian languages as medium in all the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a), (b) & (c): An Expert Committee was set up by the Union Public Service Commission under the Chairmanship of Prof. Saitsh Chandra, ex-Chairman, University Grants Commission, to examine, inter alia, the question relating to the introduction of multi-lingual system for examinations conducted by the Commission as well as discontinuance of compulsory paper in English in all the examinations, wherever such a provision exist. The Committee has submitted its report which is under detailed examination.

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ANNEXURE - VI

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2471

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.1992)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE DISCONTINUING COMPULSORY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER IN U.P.S.C. EXAMINATIONS

2471. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:
SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:
SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the report submitted by the Committee constituted to discontinue the compulsory English language paper in the examinations conducted by the UPSC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f’kdk;r rFkk
ias’ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a), (b) & (c): The Report submitted by the Committee in the matter is still under consideration of the Government..

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ANNEXURE - VII

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3586

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.1992)

DR. SATISH CHANDRA COMMITTEE

3586. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by Dr. Satish Chnadra Committee, appointed to include the Indian Languages in the UPSC Examinations;

(b) whether the Union Government have since considered the said report;

(c) if not, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have accepted the said recommendations; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

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ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a) to (e): The Report of the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee on the subject is still under consideration of the Government..

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ANNEXURE - VIII

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 8419

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.04.1992)

REGIONAL LANGUAGES AND HINDI LANGUAGE IN THE EXAMINATION OF U.P.S.C.

8419. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether English is a compulsory medium of writing answers in the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce regional languages in these examination to develop and encourage the use these languages;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have already recognized Hindi as a national language;

(e) if so, the reasons for which Hindi has not been recognized as a medium in the said examinations; and

(f) the steps the Government propose to give recognition to it in future?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a): In the Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, candidates are allowed the option of writing the papers in English or in any other language includes in the 8th Schedule of the Constituion. In respect of Indian Forest Service Examination, Indian Engineering Service Examination and Indian Economic Service/Indian Statistical Service Examination conducted by the Commission, the candidates are however, required to write the answers in English.

(b), (c), (e), (f): The question of use of Hindi as well as other regional languages in the various examinations conducted by the Commission was examined by a Committee

headed by Dr. Satish Chandra, former Chairman, University Grants Commission, the recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.

(d): Hindi is recognized as a national language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

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ANNEXURE - IX

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3344

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.1993)

AGITATION OUTSIDE THE OFFICE OF UPSC FOR USE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES

3344. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI LAL BABU RAI:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAM PUJAN PATAL:
SHRI S. N. VEKARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether several persons have been agitating outside the building of Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi to press over the demand of conducting the All India Examinations in different Indian Languages; and

(b) if so, the main demands put fourth by them and the reaction of the Government in regard thereto?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands pertaining to conduct of various UPSC examinations in Indian Languages and discontinuance of compulsory paper in English were referred to an Expert Committee headed by Dr. Satish Chandra. The Government yet to take a decision on the recommendations of this Committee.

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ANNEXURE - X

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2235

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.1994)

LANGUAGE POLICY FOR U.P.S.C. EXAMINATIONS

2235. SHRI NARAIM SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to introduce Indian languages as a medium for the Union Public Service Commission examinations;

(b) whether the directions were issued to the Union Public Service Commission accordingly;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a) to (d): Civil Services (Main) examination is already being conducted by UPSC in English, Hindi and all other Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The medium for some other examinations conducted by UPSC is English and Hindi. For the remaining examinations, an expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satish Chandra had gone into the question of use of Indian languages and given recommendations. The Government are yet to take a final decision on these recommendations.

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ANNEXURE - XI

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2441

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.1995)

REGIONAL LANGUAGES IN EXAMINATIONS

2441. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:
SHRI KUMARASWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to introduce Indian Languages as medium of examinations in all the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, whether directions have been issued to the Union Public Service Commission accordingly;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) the examinations in which there is no option to choose Hindi or any other Indian language as medium of examination; and

(e) the time by which provision is likely to be made to adopt Hindi or other Indian languages as medium of examinations for these examinations?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

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ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a), (b), (c) & (e): This issue along with demand for discontinuance of compulsory English paper in UPSC Examinations was referred to an expert committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satish Chandra. The Committee's recommendations are being considered. As these issues have great importance and have evoked diverse reactions, the Government's effort is to evolve a consensus for which the view of the Chief Ministers have also been solicited.

(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2441 DATED 29.03.1995

EXAMINATIONS WHICH ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY UPSC
OTHER THAN IN HINDI OR OTHER INDIAN LANGUAGES

1. Combined Medical Services Examination.
2. National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination.
3. Combined Defence Services Examination.
4. Special Class Railway Apprentices' Examination.
5. Indian Forest Services Examination.
6. Engineering Services Examination.
7. Indian Economic Service/Indian Statistical Service Examination.
8. Geologists Examination.

ANNEXURE - XII

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5233

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.05.1995)

SATISH CHANDRA COMMITTEE

5223. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the report of the Satish Chandra Committee on official language was submitted;

(b) the major recommendations made in this report;

(c) whether the Union Government have implemented these recommendations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a): The Report was received in 1990.

(b) (c) & (d): Dr. Satish Chandra Committee had examined the demands for introduction of Indian languages as a medium in all the examinations of UPSC and for discontinuance of compulsory English paper in these Examinations. Its recommendations are currently under consideration of the Government. As the issues have great importance and have evoked diverse reactions, Government's effort is to evolve a consensus for which the views of the Chief Ministers have also been soliciated.

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ANNEXURE - XIII

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 609

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.1995)

DHARNA/SATYAGRAH OUT OF UPSC HEAD QUARTER

609. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether satyagrah and dharna is being staged for the last several years out of UPSC head quarter to make the Indian languages the medium of UPSC examinations and withdraw the compulsory paper of English language; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in regard to their demands?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk
ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): These demands have been considered by an Expert Committee headed by Dr. Satish Chandra, ex-Chariman, University Grants Commission. Its recommendations are under consideration of the Government. As the issues are very important and have evoked diverse reactions, Government's effort is to arrive at a consensus.

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ANNEXURE - XIV

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3366

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.1996)

PAPER OF COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICE

3366. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE (j{kk ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Question paper of Combined Defence Service is provided to candidates only in English language;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce the question paper in Hindi also for the Combined Service like other Civil Services examinations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N SOMU)

j{kk ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A proposal to introduce multi-lingual system of examination for all the Services for which selection is made by the Union Public Service Commission, based on the recommendations of Dr. Satish Chandra Committee, is presently under examination in the Department of Personnel and Training.

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ANNEXURE - XV

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1922

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997)

UPSC EXAMINATIONS

1922. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Public Service Commission proposes to hold examination in regional languages;

(b) if so, whether priority will be given to those taking examination in the official language (Hindi); and

(c) whether some additional per cent would be given to candidates belonging to non-Hindi speaking States?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=h rFkk lalnh; dk;Z ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a): The Question of introduction of all the Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution in the examinations conducted by the UPSC was examined by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee. Its recommendations are still under examination. As the issues are important and have evoked diverse reaction, Government's effort is to arrive at a consensus.

(b) & (c): In view of (a), does not arise.

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ANNEXURE - XVI

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 884

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.11.1997)

DEFENCE ACADEMY EXAMS

844. SHRI MANIBHAI CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE (j{kk ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question paper of Defence Academy Exams are prepared in English only;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to make arrangement to prepare the question papers of the said exams in Indian Languages also; and

(c) if so, the time by which and if not, the reasons therefor?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV)

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(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A proposal to introduce multi-lingual system of examination for all the Services including Defence Academy Exams for which selection is made by the Union Public Service Commission, based on the recommendations of Dr. Satish Chandra Committee, is presently under examination in the Department of Personnel and Training.

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ANNEXURE - XVII

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 590

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.1998)

HINDI IN OFFICIAL USE

590. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (x`g ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dharana is being staged in front of the UPSC for a number of years to remove the essentiality of English as a compulsory paper in the examination;

(b) whether the Parliament have also passed resolution twice to remove the mandatory requirement of English but it has not yet been removed;

(c) whether the Government proposed to retain English as actual official language sidelining the Constitution; and

(d) whether there is great pressure on the Government from powerful quarters to retain English or whether the UPSC is above the Government?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

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(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House .

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.590 FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.1998

Part (a): As per representations received in the past by the UPSC from an organization named Akhil Bhartiya Bhasha Sanrakshan Sangathan, a group of persons belonging to this organization have been sitting on 'Dharna' outside the Commission's premises since 1998. Their demands relate to the use of Indian Languages in the UPSC's examinations and discontinuance of the compulsory paper in English.

Part (b): No, Sir. The Resolution passed by both the Houses of Parliament in January 1968 envisaged:-

(1) that compulsory knowledge of either Hindi or English shall be required at the stage of selection of candidates for recruitment to the Union services or posts except in respect of any special services or posts for which a high standard of knowledge of English alone or Hindi alone, or both as the case may be, is considered essential for the satisfactory performance of the duties of any such service or post; and

(2) that all the languages included in the Eight Schedule to the Constitution and English shall be permitted as alternative media for the All India and higher Central Services Examinations after ascertaining the views of the Union Public Service Commission of the future scheme of the examinations, the procedure aspects and the timings.

Part (c): Under Section 3 of the Official Language Act, 1963, the use of English language has been continued for such of the official work of the Union for which it was being used earlier.

Part (d): The question of retention of English and introduction of other languages, included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, as alternative media of examinations conducted by the UPSC was considered by Satish Chandra Committee, the recommendations of which are under examination of the Government in consultation with the State Governments etc. with a view to arriving at a consensus.

ANNEXURE - XVIII

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 275

(TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.1999)

LANUGAUGES USED IN COMPETITIVE EXAMS

275. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER (iz/kku ea=h) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given option to write answer in Indian languages in all the competitive examinations for recruitment in various services;

(b) if so, the list of all such services;

(c) whether the resolution passed by the Parliament to this effect on January 18, 1968 has been fully implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore and the time by which the Government propose to implement it?

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A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVEANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE & INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN)

dkfeZd] yksd f'kdk;r rFkk ias'ku ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=h rFkk foRr ¼cSafdax] jktLo vkSj chek½ ea=ky; esa jkT; ea=hA

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The option to write answers in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India is available only in Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission.

(c) & (d): An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satish Chandra was asked to examine inter alia the issue relating to introduction of the Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution as medium of competitive examinations. The recommendations made by the Expert Committee are under consideration of the Government. In view of the importance and sensitivity of the matter and divergent views on the subject, the Government's effort is to arrive at a consensus.

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ANNEXURE-XIX

XVI SESSION, 1996 OF TENTH LOK SABHA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (BANKING DIVISION)

DATE OF FULFILMENT: 24.06.1997

Question No. & Date & Name of M.P.	Subject	Promise made	When & How fulfilled	Reasons for delay
USQ No.1035, dated 08.03.96 Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, MP	STATUS OF KASHINATH SETH BANK (a) whether the Kashinath Seth Bank Ltd., Shahjahanpur, has since started working; (b) if so, the details thereof and the directions issued for checking the recurrence of irregularities; (c) the action taken against the persons found guilty; and (d) the steps taken for improving financial position of the Bank?	(c): The report of the CID is awaited.	(c): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that a case has been registered by the Police in U.P. on 24.08.96 against Shri P.C. Seth and his family members. Enquiries made from the Inspector General, CID have revealed that they have made a lot of progress in the case and hope to complete the same early. Chief Secretary, Government of U.P. has also been requested separately for getting the investigation expedited.	The matter was required to be examined in consultation with RBI.